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Thursday, May 7, 1998

University Blvd. negotiations 'optimistic'

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Pedestrian safety problems on University Boulevard may be closer to a solution.

Even though the state has not accepted an offer that could have indirectly allowed Western to improve safety on University Boulevard, state and university officials are continuing positive negotiations.

President Gary Ransdell said he is optimistic about recent developments.

"We're having very encouraging discussions with the state regarding University Boulevard which go beyond solving the

safety problem," Ransdell said. "We're interested in eliminating the safety concern, reducing traffic and increasing parking capacity, and the state is being very helpful."

The state has declined an offer that would have given Western cash or property — possibly the dangerous stretch of University Boulevard — in exchange for two plots of land at the intersection of Campbell Lane and Industrial Drive.

The university plans to use the land as parking for the intramural sports complex under construction, but Ransdell said he was willing to give

it up in exchange for "what is best for Western."

More than two years of attempts to increase safety on University Boulevard have yielded mixed results, lowering the speed limit while ignoring a seemingly defunct proposal for a pedestrian overpass.

Ransdell would not say what would have been done had the university obtained the road in a property trade.

"The swap of Western property is apparently now not a factor," Ransdell said. "But everybody can still win in this."

The Western land exchange was integral to plans to build an

overpass above train tracks on Campbell Lane, plans that will now be reconsidered, said Philipia Boleyn, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Cabinet.

That railroad overpass project has been stalled for two years while the state worked out a dispute with Miller's Bottled Gas Inc., which is on the site.

Now the state has dropped a condemnation suit that would have forced Miller's to accept whatever it was offered.

Boleyn said the Transportation Cabinet's engineers are starting over.

"We want to do a redesign to

completely miss them and to prevent a need for (Western's) property," she said.

Former Student Government Association President Keith Coffman was upset after he learned that the land exchange wouldn't happen.

"They've left us high and dry on this one," he said. "They've just been blowing smoke the whole time."

Coffman had words for the state officials who he said allowed the land exchange deal to fall through.

"The next time a student gets

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Business college receives \$1 million

BY CHARLIE LANTER

In World War II, Leon Page served his country. On Tuesday, he served his alma mater.

Page and wife Ruby Mai gave the Bowling Green College of Business Administration the college's largest gift ever: a donation totaling more than \$1 million.

The money will be used to establish two endowments, each around \$500,000.

Page came to the Bowling Green Business University in 1940. Three years later he graduated from that school, which later merged with Western.

After serving in World War II on a boat which saw D-Day action at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, Page returned to Kentucky where he helped found Franklin Bank and Trust Co. in 1958.

"It is my desire for the Bowling Green College of Business Administration of Western Kentucky University to be one of the best, if not the best, business colleges in the country," Page said. "I was fortunate enough to graduate from the Bowling Green Business University in 1943, which had such a reputation."

"Hopefully, these two endowments will help bring this about."

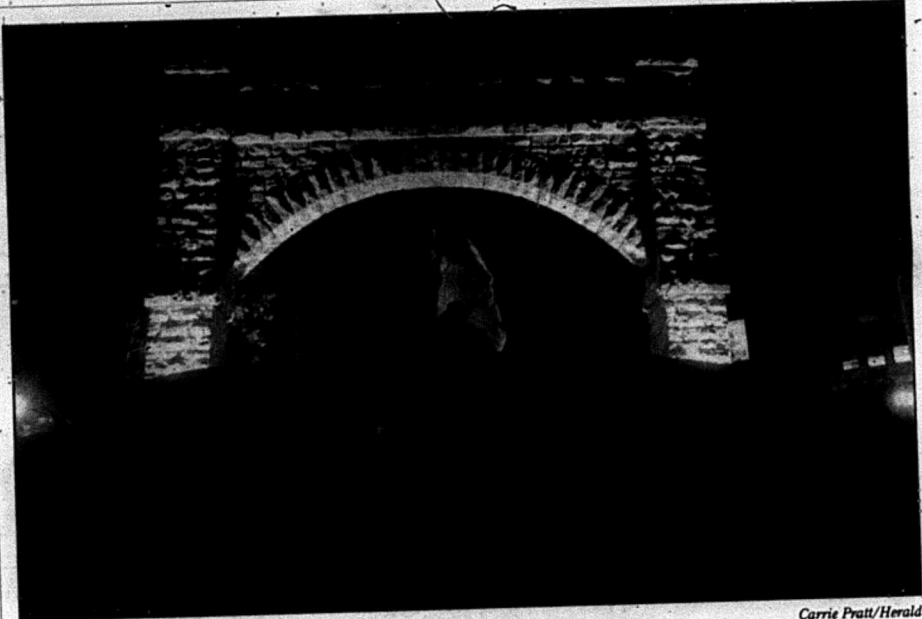
Former President Dero Downing, president of the College Heights Foundation, served on a sister ship of the boat Page was on in Normandy.

"Leon Page has been a valued friend for more than half a century, and I have observed with admiration the success which he has achieved in the banking profession," Downing said.

One of the endowments will establish the Leon and Ruby Mai Page Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship will provide full tuition, room, meals, and books for a graduate of Franklin-Simpson High School who wishes to pursue a degree in the business field.

Another endowment sets up a professorship named after the Pages, intended to attract quali-



Carrie Pratt/Herald

Twilight: Cloverport sophomore John Young and St. Charles freshman Roberta Etue spend time together on the wall at Diddle Memorial Park late Tuesday night.

McCulley selected No. 1 in ABL draft

BY JERRY BREWER

To the stage first Tuesday was a woman who once was doubted, who was a basketball player entrapped in the words "Best of the Unknowns," who was never seen in the glorified light that those who know her thought she deserved.

An 11-year basketball journey for Danielle McCulley — one that has been filled with disrespect and disappointments — has reached its next and ultimate level.

McCulley was the No. 1 pick in the ABL draft Tuesday.

"My first reaction was to say 'praise God,'" said senior center Leslie Johnson, McCulley's roommate, teammate and friend the past five years. "The struggle Danielle has had is something only me and Danielle know."

"When I heard the news, I

started flashing back to all we've been through, how she was given no credit early on. I know the

Danielle McCulley story better than anybody does. She's my testimony that you can't be denied."

McCulley's story is one of making a non-believer into a believer. This story starts with an 18-year-old college freshman committing to play for Purdue, making her "kind of like the dark horse of the recruiting class."

Johnson was in that class, and Johnson became a star their freshman year in 1993-94.

Meanwhile, McCulley fought to get 15 minutes of action per game when she felt like she

deserved more. She wanted to do more, to use her versatility, to help Purdue, which advanced to the Final Four that year.

Coach Lin Dunn didn't give her that chance at Purdue until Johnson decided to transfer to Western midway through her sophomore season.

That's when McCulley's career began its upward swing. She averaged 13 points a game the second half of the season, compared to eight points the first half. At the end of the year, she opted to transfer to Western because of team turmoil.

McCulley averaged 12.8 points and 8.7 rebounds as a junior and 15.2 points and 8.1 rebounds this

past season. She established herself as one of the most versatile players in the country.

Still she received a lack of respect. No All-America honors. No recognition as one of the best players in the nation, just recognition as "the Best of the Unknowns."

"Danielle's never been the type of person who whines or complains," Johnson said. "She just deals with the situation. I remember in my first year at Purdue how Danielle would be so hurt because she wasn't starting — and rightfully so. She thought she wasn't believed in and respected at Purdue."

McCulley's past was exorcised with the announcement of the Portland Power's pick in San Jose, Calif.

And the hand that picked

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Herald forecast



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Aug. 20 - Dorms open at 8 a.m.

Aug. 21 - Residual checks mailed to local addresses



Rick Scibelli/Herald

Rainy days: Whitley City senior Jamie Rector seeks refuge from the rain while waiting for her ride Wednesday afternoon along Normal Street.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Reports

♦ David C. Spence, TB Hospital Road, reported Tuesday his car's cassette player, valued at \$90, stolen from the seventh level of the parking structure.

♦ Brian W. Barnett, Loop Drive, reported Tuesday his backpack and contents, valued at \$60, stolen from the second floor of Heim-Cravens Library.

Arrests

♦ James David Gregory, Keen Hall, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a search of his room. He was

released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

♦ William Stewart Legge, Keen, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a search of his room. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

♦ Joshua Clint Stewart, Owensboro, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a search of a room in Keen. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

♦ James David Gregory, Keen, was charged again Tuesday with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after another search of his room. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a court order.

♦ John Ray Bunch, Warren Way, was charged Tuesday with DUI second offense, no operator's license and unlawful transaction with a minor third degree after being stopped in Chestnut Street lot. He admitted giving beer to his passenger who is a minor. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a court order.

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CHH

Council postpones programs of distinction decision

By SHANNON BACK

Programs at Kentucky's regional universities have hit another bump on a long road to distinction.

A work group of the Council on Postsecondary Education decided in mid-April not to make decisions concerning programs of distinction at the council's May 18 meeting. Ken Walker, acting chief operating officer for the CPE, said the group wants more time to look over proposals.

"I think it's as simple as programs of distinction in Kentucky is a new concept, and they want to make sure they do the right thing," Walker said. "This is a long-term commitment."

Programs of distinction are part of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Reform Act, which set up a Regional University Excellence Trust

Fund for the state's regional public institutions to draw from. Western is eligible for \$1.4 million, which must be matched dollar for dollar by the university.

The council members postponed decision making because they had concerns about proposals from Eastern Kentucky University and Murray State University, Walker said.

"Questions ranged from 'how would these programs affect overall liberal arts at the school?' to 'how would the school select and recruit the brightest students?'" Walker said.

Western's proposals were hand-delivered in Frankfort the same day the work group met in Louisville, and the council members haven't discussed them yet.

Walker said the proposals were sent to each of the work group members, and the group will decide at the May 18 meeting

when it will meet to take action. He added that no decisions will be made by the full board until at least July.

Provost Barbara Burch said she thought Western would have received feedback about two weeks after it sent the proposals, she plans to ask the CPE to review the programs soon.

"Our proposals are just sitting there waiting to be reviewed," Burch said. "I want to know if they have questions."

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel and Student Regent Keith Coffman said there will be many questions at next Friday's Board of Regents meeting.

The academic and student affairs committee of the board decided April 14 to send four proposals to Frankfort: applied research and technology; Children First; Center for Enhancing the Potential of

Children and Families; folk studies; and journalism and communication.

Three of the programs passed with little discussion, but folk studies sparked a 45-minute debate between the three members present. Coffman, who said he couldn't support a program that affected only a handful of students, voted to send the proposals to the council only if the full board would approve them next Friday.

"I'm not changing my mind," the Russellville senior said. "I still don't think the folk studies program is worth going to Frankfort as a program of distinction."

"I've got a feeling there will be more people on the board that feel that way."

The folk studies program is the smallest of the four and is the only graduate program, including

an undergraduate minor. It is one of nine in the United States and is believed to already be a nationally prominent program.

Mendel said he will support Coffman at the board meeting — and this time he won't back down.

"One thing I'm going to do differently at this meeting is not to desert the student regent," Mendel said. "In some ways I feel very badly about that. He won't back down, and I think he's dead right."

The board meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and has a lengthy agenda including an update on the Athletic Review, discussion of buying two plots of land, a recommendation for a Master of Arts in Education, landscaping and grounds management report, and Institutional Review recommendations.

Lack of new funds may lead to 'belt-tightening' for Western

By MOLLY HARPER

Western could have some lean years ahead.

That's according to Faculty Regent Ray Mendel, who said the university could be heading toward financial trouble unless some immediate internal restructuring is performed.

Lack of new money from the state and smaller incoming freshman classes have Mendel worried about the competitiveness of Western's competition system, the level of instruction students receive and the overall maintenance of the university's facilities.

"What I'm saying is there will be some problems unless we make some difficult decisions and take some immediate action," Mendel said. "This is something that's going to have to happen outside of the academic system and within the academic system."

Provost Barbara Burch said she agrees the prospects of new money from the state aren't good, but this doesn't mean budgets will be cut. It just means academic priorities will have to be set.

"We're going to have to consciously make decisions about budgeting which sometimes were made unconsciously," she said. "Anytime you have more need than you have money, decisions are going to be painful."

Burch said this is part of a national trend of asking state schools to reallocate funds internally, which means Western isn't really headed for dire straits.

"I don't quite look at it as heading towards lean years," Burch said. "Are we going to have a great windfall? No. That just means it will be more of a challenge to use a dollar wisely."

"Restructuring" may mean redirecting funds that are going

toward programs that are less productive or programs that produce few graduates and don't justify a full staff or materials.

Mendel said these programs have been recognized as "in trouble" for years. In Western XXI, a report written for former President Thomas Meredith as a planning document, programs were sorted into categories such as "dispensable."

"Little or no action was taken after this report was written," Mendel said. "I feel that the work being done by — Burch will help pinpoint those areas we need to restructure."

Burch said she doesn't want programs to be classified as dispensable or indispensable depending on how many graduates they produce each year.

"Productivity is not limited to the number of graduates it produces each year," she said. "It is a

consideration: it would be misleading to say it's not, but there are other factors involved."

Mendel said he feels there are two areas at Western that really need attention — maintenance of human resources and maintenance of facilities.

"The campus is run down," Mendel said. "You can tell by just walking across campus, looking at the maintenance list."

Mark Struss, director of Facilities Management, said he is optimistic about his department's capacity to keep the campus running in the coming years.

"I see the next couple of years as being good as far as the big issues, such as deferred maintenance," Struss said. "I am fairly confident that as the university goes on a capital campaign, some of the money will come our way."

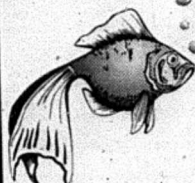
What is Western supposed to be accomplishing? For one,

becoming more faculty friendly, rewarding programs that produce quality students, and making the academic buildings and dorms attractive to students. Mendel said these aren't new problems and that various outside sources, including the authors of the Institutional Review, have recognized them.

"I feel the problems are close to being solved, but they won't be solved without pain," he said.

Western has seen its share of financial hardships. Burch can remember a year when the budget was cut by 25 percent. It is all about how the administration approaches budgeting.

"This gives us an opportunity to look at what's important; our first resources will go there. It's good that we're able to make these decisions now rather than waiting until we have to."



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Opinion

The 1998 Marsupial Awards

It's time once again for the prestigious Marsupial Awards the Herald gives out each year. Not just anyone can win a Marsupial Award. It takes someone really deserving of praise or someone who needs to be reminded for really messing up.

As part of the grand old tradition, we must clarify we aren't sure how the Marsupials began or even why they're called that. But that's not important. What's important is that the best and worst of this semester get proper recognition.

Envelope please.

The "On Golden Pond" Award is for every student whose car was damaged in the big storm.

The "It's about damn time" Award has to go to Western for finally building the Detrex intramural field. Students have been paying for the field since 1993, so most of those who paid will never use it. At least someone will finally benefit. Maybe.

Facilities Management gets the "John Deer" Award for the preinauguration improvements made on campus landscaping.

President Gary Ransdell gets the "Ted Turner" Award. He was hired for being a good fund-raiser, and since his arrival, he has not disappointed. Western has come into several million because of his diligence.

The "Ernest and Julio Gallo" Award goes to the Potter College faculty members for their bottoms-up colloquium. They got a little excited at the mention of an alcohol policy on campus. The only problem is they couldn't wait for a policy to be enacted.

The "AOL" Award for use of campus technology goes to who else but marketing Professor Ron Millman. Some female students in his class were a little offended after checking their e-mail messages from the professor. Some said the content didn't exactly pertain to class.

The "Titanic" Award goes to Matt Kilcullen for going down with his ship. Though it's hard to say whether he was the loyal captain or the iceberg for the men's basketball team over the past three years, the university apparently thought he was the latter.

With that said, it's only reasonable that Coach Dennis Felton be given the "Lifesaver" Award for his commitment to bringing the once-mighty Hilltopper basketball program back from the bottom of the sea.

Senior center Leslie Johnson gets the "Shaft" Award for being passed over first by the WNBA and then by the ABL. Johnson is a very talented player, and both leagues have shot themselves in the foot by overlooking her, especially the ABL, which was only sulking because it wasn't her first choice.

The "Best dressed" Award goes to the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. A charitable event got out of hand when Guthrie sophomore Robert Lightning decided to show a side of himself many had never seen while dancing on a stage at West Hall.

• **The issue:**
It's time for the 1998 Marsupial Awards:

• **Our view:**
Awards go to those who did something noteworthy, good or bad.

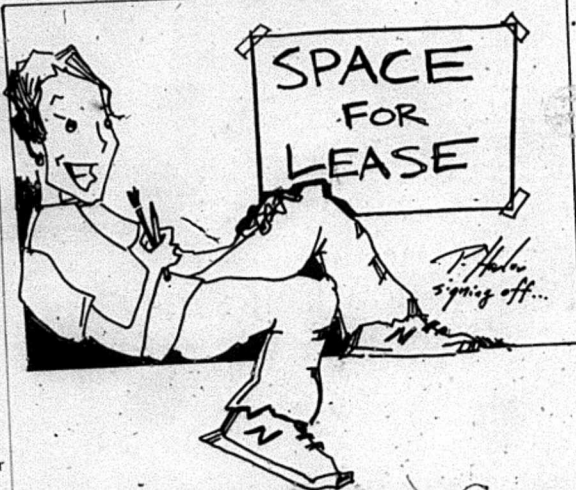
Speaking of fraternities, the "New Kids on the Block Hanging Tough" Award for sticking together must be given to the members of the former Kappa Sigma fraternity. The former chapter members have stayed close even after losing their charter from the national organization.

Newly elected Student Government Association President Stephanie Cosby gets the "Whatever it takes to get elected" Award for a campaign that saw her fliers and T-shirts all over campus, which has left some wondering whether she stayed within the \$350 campaign spending limit.

Charlotte Reeder gets the "Something smells funny" Award. Actually, radon is an odorless, invisible, radioactive gas. What really smelled so funny was how the university never bothered to do anything about the rising levels until they were between 20 pCi/l and 100 pCi/l; when they're not supposed to be more than 4 pCi/l.

What else can really be said about the Poland Hall counterfeit ring? For Craig Fagg, a freshman from Newburgh, Ind., and Louisville freshman Jason Cardwell we give the "Copy card" Award. Maybe with better reproduction of bills they won't get caught next time. Remember, it's Andrew Jackson whose face is on the \$20 bill, not Al Gore's.

Thanks for the memories --



♦ Letters to the editor

Increase for campaign spending limits needed

The recent controversy in the Student Government Association election highlights the need to increase the spending limits by which SGA abides.

I could not help but notice a fairly direct correlation between the amount of money spent and the candidates who won in the recent election.

In three out of four positions contested, it seems the individual who got his message out more effectively did so by spending the most money.

Since it is a given that in an election money is speech and speech is information, why would we not want our students to be as well informed as possible?

I consider Stephanie Cosby a very dear friend, and I know she will do the right thing on the issue.

I sincerely hope she uses her position to increase the campaign spending limits and empower students to be knowledgeable about the issues that affect them.

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Athletes not just like regular students

This letter is in response to the editorial in last Thursday's Herald. Let's be honest here. Portraying the athletes at Western as an impoverished lot is far from the truth. Most of them are here on a full scholarship, better known as a free ride.

In addition to this, they now want the ability to compete for jobs? If equality is the issue, then we need to put things in perspective. There are several students on this campus with average grade-point averages that are twice that of the "athletes" and who still do not receive a comparable financial package. If memory serves correctly, this was the position of the Herald last semester. What has prompted a change in this position?

It does not surprise me that the Herald is not known for its intellectual honesty and professional integrity, as often as you change your position on issues that affect students. Do us all a favor: pick a side and go with it.

Max C. Lobo,
Louisville junior

Editor's note: On April 24, 1997, the Herald advocated equality in academic and athletic scholarships. The editorial board has never opposed employment for athletes.

Drew Harrell,
Murray junior

People poll

♦ What do you remember most about this semester?



"The festivities with being in a sorority."

Latonya Barlow,
Louisville freshman



"All the hard work I had to do."

Katie Leitner,
Louisville sophomore



"The storm. I just watched the hailstorm and slept through the rest."

Larry Wonderling,
Cincinnati junior



"When (Mett) Kilcullen was fired."

Robert Marchant,
senior from Flint, Mich.



"The hailstorm, the damage to my car and all of campus."

Jarett Sims,
Louisville graduate student

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Forum

Cynicism, apathy products of ignorance

Police are out to bust you. Politicians are lawyers, therefore, crooks. Big business is always out to rip off the common worker. Christians are zany abortion clinic bombers. The media are liberal scum.

In no time in history has the nation been so cynical.

Whether the institution is the Internal Revenue Service or your phone company, the Catholic Church or the dog catcher, we Americans seem to be recoiling against anything that's organized and has a following.

Cynicism results from a few bad men and women. In the media, a few Washington journalists who don't check the facts before they run an anonymous source ends in inaccurate reporting and unhappy readers.

In the business sector, a few money-grubbing CEOs who fire their workers while taking massive raises turn America against organized business.

In religion, a couple of abor-

tion clinic bombers fashion all Christians against abortion as "radical right extremists."

Blame it on Watergate, the Vietnam War or downsizing in the '80s—we all are guilty of painting every institution with a broad brush.

It's a staple at Western. Nobody goes to sports games. Everyone leaves on weekends. Organizations have pitifully small memberships unless they're Greek (and their members are cynically called drunks and preps).

Taking the risk of sounding like Rodney King after the 1992 L.A. riots, my solution to rampant cynicism is going to sound a lot like "can't we all just get along?"

But my get-along solution is a little more objective.

Before coloring institutions negatively, it's good to make sure they're understood.

Take police for example. These are the guys who bust you, right?

That seems to be the general impression. But that's usually the case because whenever you run across a policeman, it's probably because you've gone 45 in a 30

zone or have a taillight out. They caught you, and your pocketbook will suffer as a result.

But do we consider that they're doing their jobs, just like you? Do we consider that they come home to families, have mortgage payments and gym shirts that replace the uniform after hours?

Do we ever meet Joe Cop when we're not in trouble to see

he might spend more time preventing trouble than catching people after the act?

As I write this, I'm among the vilest scum in America. I write for the liberal media.

Though I didn't write those stories on Monica Lewinsky, I don't rely on anonymous sources or innuendo to get the big scoop. I'm guilty by association—or at least guilt by cynicism.

Organized religion, especially Christianity, is under siege. It doesn't take too many Jim Bakers and Jimmy Swaggarts to give a religion 2,000 years old a bad name.

Sometimes just living your ideals is cause to be lumped with abortion clinic bombers and fund-raising televangelists.

Add another "ism" to racism and sexism. Cynicism and the rest have one thing in common: ignorance.

Folks, that's going to make for a very splintered America. This nation is founded on unity.

Cynicism cripples our progress.

But I won't be cynical here and say America will always be cynical. There were moments in our history of great hope—sending a man to the moon, the Great Society, giving women the right to vote. We have quashed segregation and sexism to a great extent.

Before criticizing institutions, we should first understand them. Before complaining about politicians, vote. Before stereotyping religions, experience them.

This all seems very, retrospective. At the end of the semester though, maybe it's time to assess how we view the institutions in our own lives and come back after a refreshing summer with a refreshing outlook on life.

Until next semester... happy trails, gang.

Editor's note: Matt Batchelder is a sophomore print journalism major from Bardonia.

Matt Batchelder
Commentary



Drunken-driving fatalities not a joke

While reading an edition of the Grant County News, I came across an article that left me quite disturbed.

It was an article written by a middle-age man who wanted to voice his concern over the proposed national legislation concerning the mandatory .08 drunken-driving law.

Under this legislation all states would have to comply by the year 2001 or lose federal funding for highways and other projects.

The writer of a letter to the editor suggests changing the current perception on laws regarding the usage of alcohol.

He proposed creating two standards—driving under the influence (DUI) and driving while intoxicated (DWI). Personally, I see no big difference between them.

Driving while intoxicated would mean that yes, some individual was driving while drunk.

Driving under the influence would still mean someone is under the effects of alcohol and his or her abilities are impaired in some way.

The writer goes on to quote some statistics.

Here is the part that makes me rather ill. And I quote:

"Thirty-seven people in the entire U.S. got killed last year by a driver with a .08 alcohol level or less. Whoopee."

Whoopee?

Maybe it's just my fondness for mankind, but to me, 37 human lives lost constitutes a response more empathetic than whoopee.

This is tragic.

Thirty-seven moms, dads, sons, daughters and friends were killed, or shall I say murdered, by someone who was

irresponsible and didn't think about the consequences of his actions.

The writer proposes a fining system.

A person pulled over for DUI would receive a fine: .06-\$50, .09-\$60, .10-\$70, etc.

I will give him some credit. His plan sounds good on paper.

This leads me to a story I just recently heard.

It involves a man who has in the past been pulled over, fined and had his driver's license suspended for driving under the influence.

A while ago this man was at a party and consumed an excessive amount of alcohol.

At the end of the evening, he was prepared to drive home. If not for the intervention of a friend, the man would have driven home drunk.

Would you want to be on a dark, windy road with this guy? I know I wouldn't.

This proves that the writer's proposal is flawed.

Do you really believe a \$50 fine will stop someone from drinking and driving in the future?

Maybe in some situations it will, but one drunk on the road is one drunk too many.

Apparently, the writer has never been personally affected by a drunken driver. He does not know the pain, anger and grief it brings.

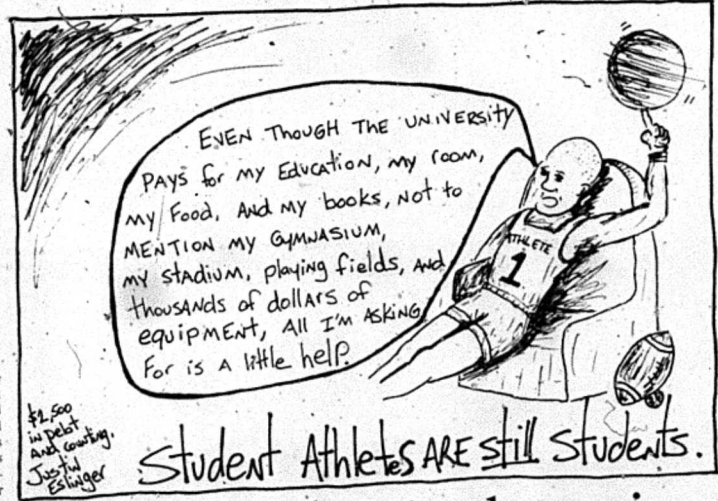
I just have one question I would like to ask the writer, if ever given the chance.

If one of your children was killed by a drunken driver, would you still be saying whoopee?

I didn't think so.

Editor's note: Jennifer Englert is a freshman print journalism major from Louisville.

Jennifer Englert
Commentary



Big media silence other voices

One of the greatest assets in American government is the guarantee of free speech and free press in the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

Renegade editors and publishers helped this nation by printing unapproved news and events.

Since the beginning of the republic, the free press has uncovered a seemingly countless number of scandals and conspiracies, both minor and major.

Our founding fathers envisioned this happening, and it has worked well for American government, people and press.

In years past, it seemed the local press, staffed by men and women you knew, truly looked out for the community's interests.

You could rely on the local press to keep an eye out for you.

Somewhere along the line, perhaps starting back in the days of William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer, the media became too big and lost their vision.

They became another one of the big dogs, bullying the little guys out of the game.

Whereas the media were once a scattering of local press outlets, they evolved into multimillion-dollar corporate chains:

"The Chain Gang" by Richard

McCord tells how Gannett strong armed the independent local press by stealing away advertisers.

Ones who did not acquiesce were slandered into submission.

Today's newspaper chains and major networks seem faceless to news consumers.

The men and women most responsible for decisions about the news are now thousands of

miles away. Important news becomes diluted by a chain spreading the same information around all of its fiefs.

Even worse, only a few approved views, overwhelming liberal, are printed or broadcasted.

The time has come to re-evaluate the role of chains in the media.

The few major voices that dominate speech in America must be silenced and thousands of small ones must be reawakened to further enhance public debate.

With the fall of major chains, community news that does matter to small citizens will flourish.

The rise of the Internet will grant even thousands more a chance to speak and report on issues once ignored by the mega-corporations that feared their interests would be hurt.

When the multimillion-dollar chains fall, true free speech will return.

Editor's note: Phil Yochim is a senior print journalism major from Louisville.

Phil Yochim
Commentary



♦ Facilities management

More money sought for campus improvements

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Cracked and collapsing streets, rutting and eroding hillsides. All are indicative that Western's campus is in a state of disrepair that was accelerated by last month's heavy storms.

"We know what we need to do, if we have the money to do it," said Mark Struss, director of Facilities Management. Struss laid a proposal in front of the Board of Regents finance and budget committee last week in the hopes of gaining an extra \$1.2 million for campus improvements.

President Gary Ransdell said the top priority of Facilities Management will be to repair the university's streets and sidewalks. Ransdell said the streets, curbs and gutters are in awful condition, and repairing them is the priciest expenditure on the plan.

Big Red Way is the street in most need of repairs, Struss said. Besides needing to be completely resurfaced, there are many curbs alongside the road that need to be replaced.

The proposal also asks for placing a parking lot between Normal Street and Mimosa Alley, a project that will only come to fruition if enough money is allotted in the budget.

Struss said he is hopeful there will be enough money budgeted to Facilities Management to handle other problems as well.

"With the Hill, the storm and heavy rains showed us where we have problems with erosion," he said, adding that something needs to be done to

hold those areas.

He said the office has attempted to solve the worst erosion, between Grise and McLean halls, by placing small retainer walls there. Still, there is a need for more, and there are a lot of other areas around campus that need attention. He said the uni-

versity is considering placing ground-cover plants on some of the hillsides to help hold land in place.

Protecting the university's distinctive hillside personality is a priority with Ransdell.

"I'll do anything I can to restore the buildings and grounds," he said, adding that the grounds are not as beautiful as when he was a student. "If we don't restore the character of our campus, it will be lost."

Struss said the plan will take the landscaping of the university as a whole "to the next level, or two or three."

He said the landscaping aspect of the plan would focus on what he says is the "million-dollar walk," the stretch from Pearce-Ford Tower to Cherry Hall.

"We're going to try to use plant materials that are attractive and don't need much maintenance," he said. The plan includes regularly and routinely fertilizing flower beds across

campus.

Struss said investing some of the money in a more sophisticated herbicide spraying system would help Facilities Management keep all the new beds attractive.

Ransdell said it is important for the campus to look good.

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— Gary Ransdell
president

Struss said the plan also proposes putting more money into the athletic fields, making "healthier, safer fields that could stand up to continued use."

Whether or not Facilities Management is able to complete all these tasks depends on how much money is approved by board at its May 15 meeting.

Struss said he did not attach a time frame to any of the proposed projects in the plan, simply because the department can begin working on any one of them whenever the money is made available.

"It hinges in part on the president's request to reduce the reserve to \$3.5 million," Struss said. "We're prepared to utilize any funds that are made available to us."

Lawn care contract a debatable issue

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Unfilled positions left Western in a bind this spring and left Facilities Management contracting out some of its mowing, a concept director Mark Struss said may continue.

"It all depends on how cost-effective it is for the university," he said. "If it is economically advantageous, we need to take a look at it."

A campus improvements plan submitted to the finance and budget committee of the Board of Regents last week includes contracting out some of its landscaping to local companies.

That is an aspect of the plan that Staff Regent Joy Gramling vehemently opposes.

"To pay for it, Facilities Management is going to be cutting three permanent positions from the in-house grounds crew," she said. "That is going to put the level of staff in that area so low."

Struss said the wages that would have gone to workers in those unfilled positions is being used to pay Gary Landscaping for mowing services on-campus.

Under one aspect of the proposal, such agreements between outside companies would continue to grow proportionately with the amount of funding the department receives.

Gramling said this movement away from using in-house work-

ers is potentially dangerous.

"I'm afraid that if we continue this trend we're going to lose control of our whole physical plant," she said. In a letter addressed to the Board of Regents, Gramling expressed her disapproval for increased contracting, defining it as "a plan to use temporary help to provide a temporary fix."

In the past 20 years, Gramling said the grounds crew staff has been reduced by almost half, and continuing to eliminate the unfilled positions will end up costing the university more in terms of both money and efficiency.

She said there are now 14 grounds crew workers to tend to 150 labor-intensive acres of the main campus-plus the numerous rental properties, farm projects and greenhouse duties.

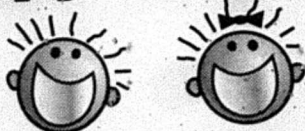
Struss said no one will be fired or laid off if the board approves the increased contracting of work, stressing that the money would come from reallocating money from unfilled positions along with additional funding in the budget.

"There has to be an in-house force," he said.

Gramling also said she sees the necessity of having in-house workers. "I believe that when managed well, in-house workers can do the job cheaper and do it better."

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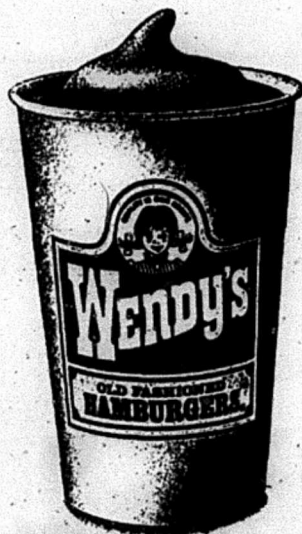
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hit on University Boulevard. I hope they can sleep at night knowing that they could have prevented it," he said.

Danger zone

Six students have been injured by cars on University Boulevard since 1992. Talk of making it safer for pedestrians began in February 1996, when the SGA Congress asked the university to build a pedestrian overpass between Pearce-Ford Tower and Jones-Jagers Hall.

The plan didn't get far for two reasons. The road is owned by the state, and the skywalk would cost about \$500,000.

When Coffman became SGA president several months later, he promised something would be done to improve safety on the road during his term.

Coffman set out lobbying Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, a Western graduate, and state legislators. On Sept. 23 after a meeting between city, state and university officials, Ransdell sent a letter to Transportation Secretary James Codell asking for help.

The letter stated that "all parties, including former President Thomas Meredith, have agreed that the safest and best alternative would be the construction of a pedestrian bridge or 'skywalk' over the boulevard."

Less than one month later, another student was hit.

At the end of October the Board of Regents passed a resolution agreeing that something had to be done about the street.

Ransdell, Coffman, Codell, Bowling Green Mayor Eldon Renaud and others met weeks later and proposed an alternative solution.

At that meeting the state agreed to lower the speed limit on University Boulevard from 35 to 25 miles per hour.

Those present also agreed to petition Bowling Green and campus police for increased patrolling, and the state installed rumble strips to alert drivers.

Speaker of the House Jody Richards and Sen. Nick Kafoglis, both present at the meeting, promised to try and have a skywalk added to the state's six-year road plan during the 1998 General Assembly.

The legislative term came and went, but still no skywalk.

At an unveiling of the road plan in February, Gov. Paul Patton said he wasn't familiar with the situation or aware of the decision to add a skywalk was made.

"I have not heard of that," Patton said. "Evidently they did not recommend it."

Renaud, who had been an avid supporter of the skywalk, said at the unveiling he wasn't sure if it was the right solution.

He proposed a controlled crossing with a fence to force pedestrians to cross at the intersection where stoplights made it safer.

Ransdell said then he wasn't interested in putting up a fence and wasn't optimistic about the skywalk's chances.

"The more that's explored, the more problematic it becomes," he said.

Richards added that there were still "other options," but no one mentioned the proposal axed this week or the positive negotiations the president spoke of.

While the axing of the land swap proposal raises questions about the future of University Boulevard, one point leaves Ransdell optimistic.

"We still have a very good working relationship with the Transportation Cabinet," he said.

Final Exam Schedule

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day Classes					
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Classes meeting first at 9:15 Monday	Classes meeting first at 8:00 Tuesday	Reserved for study	Classes meeting first at 10:30 Tuesday	Classes meeting first at 8:00 Monday
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Classes meeting first at 11:45 Tuesday	Classes meeting first at 10:30 Monday		Classes meeting first at 11:45 Monday	Classes meeting first at 9:15 Tuesday
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Classes meeting first at 1:00 Monday	Classes meeting first at 2:15 Monday		Multiple sections of ACCT 200, 201; CHEM 222 and FIN 330	Classes meeting first at 1:00 Tuesday
Late afternoon and night classes					
3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	Classes meeting at 3:45 Monday only; 3:45 Mon./Wed.	Classes meeting at 3:45 Tuesday only; 3:45 Tues./Thurs.	Classes meeting at 3:45 Wed. only; 5:15 Mon./Wed.	Classes meeting at 3:45 Thursday only; 5:15 Tues./Thurs.	
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Classes meeting at 5:15 or 6:45 Monday only; 6:45 Mon./Wed.	Classes meeting at 5:15 or 6:45 Tuesday only; 3:45 Tues./Thurs.	Classes meeting at 5:15 Wed. only; 3:45 Wed. only	Classes meeting at 5:15 Thursday only; 6:45 Thursday	
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TVA program offers practical experience

By KELLEY LYNN

According to most employers, one of the largest problems facing college graduates entering the work force is their relative lack of practical work experience.

Bowling Green junior Shawn Perry just smiled when he talked about the experience he has gained since he began working with the Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge.

"It's a really good way for us to get some practical experience in our field," he said. "It's a chance to apply everything we've been learning about."

TVA conceived of the challenge when it started planning to decommission its three nuclear power plants. The company took \$330 million and distributed that sum to several different investments to defray the cost of the decommissioning.

TVA donated \$2 million of that amount to 19 participating colleges and universities in its service area to give finance students some practical experience working with investing. That chance will prove valuable, said Herman Manakyan, an accounting assistant professor.

"This is really important in finance programs," Manakyan said of the practical investment experience. "They're going to be in the position of handling other people's money in the future, and this is a good way to learn how to do it."

The competition has a two-tiered approach. There is a

\$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 prize distribution for the schools with the best investment returns after one year, and a prize distribution of \$25,000, \$20,000 and \$15,000 for the best long-term investments after three years.

John Rymer, manager of cash management for TVA, said the prize money is not only an award for good work, but also an incentive for schools to start their own programs for investments.

"When we begin our decommission, we'll take those funds for that purpose," he said. "It is our hope that these schools will start their own programs so that they can continue past that point."

Rymer said TVA does intend to use the funds for decommissioning and is slated to start in 2017. As long as the investments are productive, Rymer said the money will stay in place until that time.

Manakyan said the students learn about every aspect of the investment world because all decisions are made by the students. The students study investments, make proposals to the class about prospective investment opportunities and vote on whether to invest.

While the class does have a Finance Advisory Council made up of businessmen from around the area, this council serves in an advisory capacity only; it has no decision-making power at all.

"My philosophy is to leave the decision making up to the students," Manakyan said.



Jason Behnken/Herald

During a rain shower Wednesday morning, Tommy Santel of Columbia, Tenn., works to put together a tent for Friday's inauguration. The tent took Party Place about an hour to set up on DUC south lawn.

Inauguration schedule of events

Today

All Day

Inaugural meeting of the WKU Board of Advisors — Bowling Green/Warren County Convention Center

8 p.m.

Musical extravaganza and dedication of university mace — Van Meter Auditorium

Tomorrow

2:30 p.m.

Inauguration ceremony for Gary Ransdell — fine arts center amphitheater (alternate rain location Van Meter Auditorium)

4:30 to 6 p.m.

Inauguration reception, open to public — President's Home, 1700 Chestnut St. (alternate rain location Garrett Center ballroom)

8 p.m.

Inaugural celebration, open to public — lawn of Preston Health and Activities Center (alternate rain location Institute for Economic Development)

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♦ Police beat

Officer of year named

♦ *Kerry Hatchett, after little more than a year on the force, is awarded the honor*

BY MATT BATCHELDOOR

Officer Kerry Hatchett measures his tenure on Western's police force in months, but already he has the experience many officers don't see in two or three years.

Since beginning the midnight patrol in January 1997, 33-year-old Hatchett has caught two likely murderers, conducted a considerable drug bust and nearly had a gun drawn on him.

Considering his poise and expertise in handling the matters, Hatchett has been named Western's Officer of the Year.

"Maybe when I'm older I want a desk job," Hatchett said. "For now I want to be where the action is."

On May 26 of last year, Hatchett stopped two girls from Arkansas, both juveniles, driving a truck the wrong way on a one-way street in Bowling Green. The two were reluctant to show a license, for good reason: One was driving the truck she had stolen from her father.

An ensuing search turned up two handguns, shackles and handcuffs. The two later confessed they plotted to kill their ex-boyfriend, who had gotten both of them pregnant. It seems the two had hidden the weapons between their legs on the floorboard.

They had driven all night to get here, Hatchett said. "They were sort of like bounty hunters."

On another occasion he executed "a pretty considerable drug bust," catching a speeding driver throwing \$3000 worth of marijuana and methamphetamines from a car window.

Later in the year he had an even stranger incident. This time, Hatchett pulled over a driver he believed to be drunk.

"I was going to give him a field sobriety

test; he turns his back and his hands were missing," Hatchett said. "I had to draw my weapon on him before he drew his on me. 'If I didn't have training, somebody could have gotten killed,'" he said.

Hatchett said that says something about the types of people campus police usually come across — contrary to popular opinion.

"A lot of people tend to think we just deal with the college kids," Hatchett said. "We're really helping out with the surrounding community."

Campus police Capt. Mike Wallace, who once worked the graveyard shift, can name only a handful of students this semester who were arrested in the wee hours. He said 90 percent of those arrested during those hours are not associated with Western.

The man

Hatchett has called Bowling Green home before. He was a student here and worked as a manager at Burger King on Russellville Road. He returned to Western after a stint as a hotel manager in Washington.

Now he has returned to the city with his wife Lisa and children Nicholas, 7, and LaToya, 12.

He said he is happy with his midnight to 8 a.m. duties. It's ideal because he sleeps when his family members are away at school and work and is home when they return.

With a regimented schedule, Hatchett said he feels just as rested as someone in the 9-to-5 daily grind. After leaving work at 8, the officer heads for Preston Health and Activities Center to work out.

He finally winds down at 1 in the afternoon and catches a couple of hours of sleep until his family returns after 3. After spending the evening with his family, it's back to bed at 8.

It's all in a night's work.

"Once it becomes just a job it takes the fun out of it," he said. "You have to keep it fun."

Campus cops use go-carts to raise funds for local YMCA

BY MATT BATCHELDOOR

It's not every day that six grown men squeeze into six tiny go-carts for a race, much less campus police officers. The scene at Race World on Cumberland Trace on Saturday was such a sight to see that five businesses and one fraternity paid them to do it.

Five officers and one student patrol member boarded the go-carts painted with

ad logos and shaped to look like miniature versions of stock cars. They raced the cars against NASCAR driver Mark Green in some of eight races, taking home the trophy in the final heat.

But the men in blue didn't pocket the proceeds. The \$238 went to the Bowling Green YMCA as part of the first "Race for the Y Day" at the mini race track.

Steve Cline, president of the local YMCA, said the proceeds will help fund summer camp scholarships at Basil Griffin Park.

"We're hoping to raise \$3,000 or \$4,000 out of this," he said. "We're really doing a lot of struggling to get active in the community. We're not a health club. We're a Christian organization."

Cline said the YMCA is stepping up the fund raising in hopes of improving or moving its old facility. Currently, the old racquetball club building on Lovers Lane houses the "Y," and he said the antiquated facility doesn't match the needs of a growing community.

"That's our dream — to have a nice indoor pool and gym," he said. "Give (children) a place to go so they'll stay out of trouble."

But Cline said though 150 people involved in the effort was small for a community the size of Bowling Green, he hopes to grow the event and make it annual.

Campus police Chief Horace Johnson said this is the first time his officers have participated in anything like this. They've done charitable drives in the past but never literally — not driving that involved gas pedals and steering wheels.

"It's a good organization," Johnson said, grinning. "That's why I took it on."

The chief serves on the local YMCA's board of Directors.

Holding the trophy his final race merited, Falmouth sophomore Jason Baker summed up the feeling of the officers.

"If you get to come out here for the YMCA and raise money and have fun at the same time, it's the best of both worlds," he said.

Baker, a student patrol member, was among the top fund-raisers in the effort, giving him a chance to race with officer Gordon Turner in the final heat. Donations from Buddy's, Basham's, and Phelps' Towers, Farnhouse Fraternity, Hilltopper Pawn Shop, Facilities Management and the officers' families made that possible.

Cline said a big part of making it possible was Green, an Owensboro native.

Green said his first time an event is held is always the hardest, and he wouldn't mind showing up every year when "Race for the Y" becomes an annual event.

He said it's not your average fund-raiser. "It's not really a social — you sit down and eat and talk. It's outdoors. It's parents and kids."

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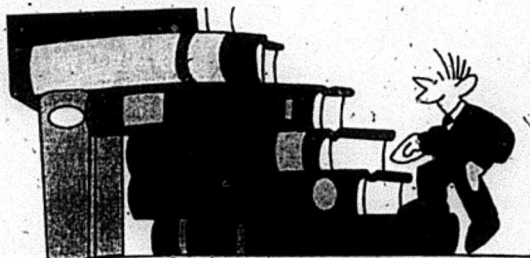
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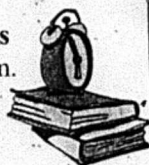
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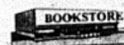
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Academic team lacks support

BY MOLLY HARPER

Low participation and unexpected weather problems have prevented Western's first active academic team in over a decade from raising much needed funds.

The team, led by Bremen junior Paul Porter and Central City junior Dave Vincent, intended to raise money for costly traveling expenses and competition fees by hosting a regional high school tournament on campus. The original date was canceled due to winter weather.

"Then we rescheduled and that date was canceled because there weren't enough teams that could make it," said Porter, who is president of the club. "We couldn't get the buildings again for the rest of the semester, so we've had to put it off until the second week of October."

The proposed tournament would have brought 16 high schools and over 100 students to Western. Porter said the team hopes the same schools decide to come back, and that they can expand upon that in the future. Eventually, Porter hopes it will be as successful as the tournament Vanderbilt hosts annually, which brings in more than 100 high schools annually.

"It would even be nice if departments could set up booths for the high school students," Vincent said. "These are the kids

who usually get the scholarships and this would be a prime opportunity to get their attention."

The goals of the fund-raiser are to raise enough money for traveling expenses and competition entrance fees. Membership dues of \$20 don't seem to cover team expenses, question packets and competition fees of \$25 per team.

"Right now, we have nine on the team," Porter said. "We can only bring one team per meet, because not everyone can make

"We want to make a good name for ourselves and for Western."

— Paul Porter
Bremen junior

every meet and we really can't afford anything else."

Low participation is another factor keeping the academic team's events to a minimum. Currently, the team is sponsoring a residence hall tournament in which only four halls are competing. When seeking volunteers to help keep score, operate the buzzer system, and judge competition for the fund-raiser, the response was "nearly nonexistent."

"Only one teacher was inter-

ested in helping us with the high school tournament," Porter said. "It amazes me how few people across the whole campus are willing to participate."

The last organization to represent Western academically was an academic bowl team about 15 years ago. Vincent, and Porter decided to revive the defunct team this year after a failed attempt in 1996.

"WKU was just about the only university in the state that didn't have an academic team," Vincent said. "A friend of mine, Bill Fortney, started a team in fall of '96, but we could not compete because the only funds we had were acquired through SGA that summer."

After Fortney graduated, Vincent and Porter took over the team, which is currently a member of the Kentucky Collegiate Quick Recall League. Vincent hopes that through fund-raising, the team will be able to become a member of The National Academic Quiz Tournament.

"We want to make a good name for ourselves, and for Western," said Porter. "We'd like to earn recognition as an active organization here at Western which is why we're organizing a residence hall tournament with the department of residence life. Oh, yes, and to take over the world."

Concert kicks off fundraiser for skaters, bicyclers park

BY KELLEY LYNN

There's a new park being built in Bowling Green but this park won't be covered with trees, grass and cute little squirrels. It will be covered in concrete handrails and half pipes.

Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Bowling Green Skate and Freestyle Association Inc. will host a five-band concert extravaganza featuring Moss Browne, Bean Tweak, Mat Engine and Flux to raise money for a new skate park.

"The city has an overwhelming number of skaters and skate boarders and freestyle bicyclers that really have no place to ride," said Dave Mender, Chicago freshman and association co-founder.

The concert will be held at Basil Griffin Park and tickets will be available at the gate for \$5.

The money raised by the concert will be used to purchase some of the \$7,000 worth of supplies needed for the park.

According to Nathan Curry, association co-founder, and Bowling Green junior, if the concert raises enough money construction on the project could begin as soon as next week.

Mender said he and Curry convinced Warren County to donate

some land in Basil Griffin Park to build the skate park with the provision that the operators maintain the facility and the insurance costs.

Since insurance is so costly, anyone using the facility will have to become an association member by way of a \$10 annual fee. The park will also be able to sell advertising around the perimeter fence as a way to reduce insurance costs.

While park insurance is one of the main concerns for the project, park operators contend that the sport is not as dangerous as it might seem.

"The injury ratio is no larger than with any other sport," Curry said. "More people are hurt every year playing football than skating."

Curry did say that safety equipment will be mandatory for all participants.

Park developers are also encouraging everyone interested in roller sports to use the park and let the county know how much the park is needed and wanted.

"We're trying to raise public awareness for the need for a skate park," Mender said. "If it goes over real well they'll build us a permanent one."

COLLEGE: Benefactor sponsors lecture series

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ty faculty to Western's business programs.

Last week Page's bank committed \$32,500 to help fund the "Leon Page Business Leadership Series."

The series, co-sponsored by the College of Business Administration, will bring several lecturers annually to Bowling Green and Franklin over the next five years.

Page serves on Western's Business Executive Advisory Council and the gift will put him and his wife in the Cherry Society, which recognizes cumulative giving of \$25,000 or more.

President Gary Ransdell was excited about the Pages' commitment to Western and the community it serves.

"In the short time I've known him, I have come to value the significant leadership Leon Page has displayed in Franklin and Simpson County," Ransdell said. "These marvelous philanthropic gestures demonstrate his and Ruby Mai's commitment to good business, to our area of the state and to Western."

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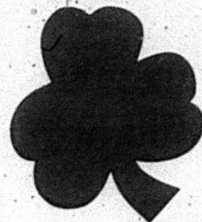
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Databases provide 'real experience'

BY MOLLY HARPER

Any senior will tell you that in the grueling world of job interviews, real life experience is what counts.

Providing students with that experience is what Tom Dillon's Computers Systems Applications class is all about.

The management and information systems assistant professor's students divide into teams and develop database software for local nonprofit organizations that have already agreed to work with the students. The students interview their "clients," find out what the database needs to do and design it according to those specifications.

"They get to go through what we call the analysis and design process," Dillon said. "They get to analyze what the customer needs and then design a program for them using Access, a database language we teach here which is compatible with Microsoft Office."

One of the main concerns with the databases is whether they are easy to use. Dillon said his students take great care to design the program so the customers can easily interact with it.

"In information systems what we try to do is design a program that fits right into what that per-

son's job is, so it becomes part of the job, not something that they have to do along with the job," he said.

Western students have been participating in this type of project for several years with reasonable participation. Because of the recent dramatic growth of the major, Dillon has had to scramble to get more clients.

"The major has grown 67 percent in the last year," Dillon said. "We did five or six databases last year; next thing I know, I have to find enough clients for 35 students."

Database clients include Bowling Green City Schools, Boys and Girls Club of America, and the Human Rights Commission.

"We've tried to focus on nonprofit agencies," Dillon said. "That way we're returning something to the Bowling Green community, which is really important."

What makes this project unique is the hands-on experience students gain. They can actually take their group projects with them on interviews so that potential employers can actually see examples of their skills rather than a transcript.

"Forty-five to 50 percent of students that get jobs have some sort of internship or real world experience," Dillon said. "This

gives our students an edge in the hiring. It all comes down to being ready to step out into the world and get a job."

One of the most recent clients of the project is the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission. Its director, Gwen Downs, said she couldn't be more pleased with the students' work. Her organization's new database will make its paper complaint filing system obsolete. The database will track civil rights complaints and those who file them as well as the progress of the response to the complaint.

"It will bring us up to the 21st century," Downs said. "It'll be like having someone work part time. Counting and processing the forms by hand won't be necessary anymore; we just have to click a button and the information will be right there."

Downs said she's surprised more people don't take advantage of this program.

"I've always contended that it's amazing that, with the university right in town, more people don't take advantage of the services available there," she said.

"I think it's wonderful to get fresh, young students with innovative ideas. Any project that allows students to use their creativity is great."

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With finals week quickly approaching some people may be stocking up on the Vivarin. But, before breaking the bank on caffeine, take into consideration the harm.

Mary Wilfert, Student Health Service coordinator, said students don't realize taking caffeine before exams could hurt them.

"It's really not recommended," Wilfert said. "Mainly because people are taking more of the drug into their bodies than normal and it stresses the body."

And it's stress that most students want to have less of during finals.

Caffeine, whether in pill form or in soft drinks, is a type of stimulant drug. According to information from Student Health Service, caffeine stimulates the central nervous system, helping people feel less drowsy and less fatigued.

Wiefert said the effects are not always good. "It does make you more alert and more aware," she said. "But there are reactions that can be pretty unpleasant."

Reactions to too much caffeine include rapid or irregular heartbeats, nervousness, sweating, irritability, upset stomach, diarrhea, fatigue and headache.

"Caffeine can make some people so agitated that they can't focus and therefore don't take their exam well," Wilfert said. "Sometimes the next day they basically crash."

Any Evans knows all too well that crashing feeling. The Etoile junior experienced firsthand how caffeine can stress the body.

"I took Vivarin," Evans said. "I did it because I was a freshman and had a 10-page paper due and I waited until the night before to even start my research."

Despite the amount of work she had to accomplish, Evans was able to finish her paper and land an A. But the next day her body let her know how it felt.

"I felt OK that night," she said. "But the next day I felt exhausted and hollow inside."

In addition to feeling hollow and a bit dehydrated, Evans said she felt just awful.

"I had a horrible headache and an upset stomach," she said.

Evans said she has learned her lesson — start earlier. "I hope I never have to use them again," she said.

Beth Rush, head nurse at Student Health Service, agreed that caffeine does more harm than good.

"Most people end up overdosing themselves on it," Rush said. "That just makes you end up with more problems."

Not everyone may experience the negative side effects of taking caffeine pills. According to Student Health Service, it really depends.

"Generally individuals tolerate the drug differently," Wilfert said.

Instead of filling the stomach stark full of caffeine poppers, Wilfert recommends old-fashioned sleep.

"Get as much regular rest as you can," she said. "Try not to get away from your normal sleep routine."

But, if losing sleep over finals is inevitable, the best thing to do is treat your body right.

"Try drinking orange juice and getting some exercise," Wilfert said. "Try to do things that will contribute to your overall health."

Rush said it's important to give your body the right nutrition to handle the stress.

"Start studying early," she said. "It is important to eat right and to get enough sleep."

Wiefert said while studying, it is important to remember to wake your body up the natural way — exercise.

"Try a stretch and exercise routine before you study," she said. "This gets you awake and moving."

In addition to stretching before studying, Wilfert said to take breaks while studying and do it again or

take a short walk.

The Student Health Service caffeine pamphlet recommends the following no-caffeine/low-caffeine alternatives:

◆ **Alternative beverages** — water, herbal tea (caffeine free), instant cocoa, fruit juice, vegetable juice, decaffeinated coffee and cereal coffee.

◆ **Alternative activities** — a good stretch, climbing a flight of stairs, a walk around the block or a good laugh.

Wiefert said it is important to remember that anything one does differently to the body will have an effect.

"Just try to stick to your routine," she said. "Anything you do differently will put stress on your body and make things harder for you."



Story by Scheri Smith

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Finals assistance needed

Much to the dismay of the student body of Western, the end is near.

I could've sworn there was time for me to get all these projects done. Just last week I thought there was plenty of time for me to work on all these headaches... Oops.

Man, I was wrong. It's funny to think that my entire college career comes down to just a few days. Check that, I meant to say it was scary.

So I guess all you over-achievers out there who finished your work way ahead of time are really enjoying watching the rest of us squirm. I've got a business proposition for you. If anyone out there would like to "assist" me on any of my final projects (there are three), I would really appreciate it.

Who knows? Maybe there'll be a dinner in it for you or something. Now I'm sure some of you goody goodies out there can't believe I would stoop so low. All I can say is can it. When you're desperate, who needs morals or ethics?

Moving on... The coolest things to do this weekend will have to be found by you. This week I'm dedicating this column to those of you who are really trying to get the grades and are trying to study. I've picked my favorite joints to hang out and study at. Hey, if you try, you might even retain some information.

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♦Bookstores are Best — Sadly enough, Barnes & Noble isn't open to provide a quiet, book-filled study environment. So the next best thing would be our library.

What is it about studying in a place filled with books that makes the info stick that much better? I know the library gets pretty full during this time of the year, but there are places

where people don't congregate.

My favorite place is none other than the law library. I sit way in the back where no one ever ventures (you can tell: if you touch a book, it falls apart). There's a bathroom, copy machine and water fountain down there, so I never have to come out of the dungeon until my brain is so full it's about to burst.

If the library is still too painful for some of you to go to, then try a bookstore. They are quiet and provide plenty of distractions. Then again, if you're going to congregate, buy something. Please don't be cheap.

♦If All Else Fails... — When the options are looking really slim and you've got tons to do, just stay at home.

I know it's really hard to study in the place you sleep, but there are alternatives. If you live in the dorm, try to get a spot in the study room. These spots fill up quickly around finals time, so get down there early.

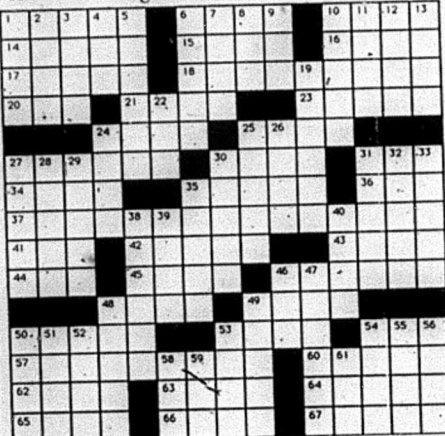
If you live off campus, try studying in some room other than your bedroom. I know when I'm close to my bed, all I can think about is sleep.

Also try to stay away from rooms with televisions. They are great entertainment but just cause too much distraction.

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36. Difference between a dozen & a baker's dozen
37. Dessert-lover's treat
41. Touch lightly
42. Capital city
43. Shop window sign
44. English isle
45. Couples
46. Elegant
48. Vehicles
49. Subject to debate
50. Delightful morsel
53. Appear exhausted
54. Three in a row
57. Without purpose
60. State
62. Major ___; chief steward
63. Malcolm-Jamal
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66. Cauterize
67. Requirements

6. Meadow moisture
9. Eagle of the sea
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13. "Or ___"
19. Girl's name
22. Ending for Max or Gerald
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26. Over seven feet
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31. Fowl enclosures
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33. Minute
35. Storage structures
38. Real
39. Chess piece
40. Broad ditch
46. Cell inhabitant
47. Liquid heater
48. Courage
49. City blip
50. Young ones
51. Turout
52. Post Lazarus
53. Defendant's response
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58. Downing and Ma'n: abbr.
59. Pronoun
61. Female animal

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Electronics chapter finds success with robot

BY BRIAN MAINS

Competition can be killer. The blood, sweat, tears, circuitry and land mines. Land mines and circuitry in competition?

The answer is yes if (a) competition involves the military or (b) if life competition is the Institute of Electricians and Electronics Engineers' Southeast Con '98 Hardware Competition, which was held in Orlando, Fla.

"It's a big deal," said Buddy

Steen, systems design engineer for Western's IEEE chapter's robot. "Winning (the competition) is like winning Wimbledon. Our chances were slim to even build a competitive product."

Steen said late last year the 15-member group of IEEE decided to enter the competition for the first time.

With the lines of the battle drawn in a guide to what the robot must do, the members of the club went in like a platoon of commandos chanting their

motto "those that can do" and built their first robot, "Scratch."

Designs for the robot's chassis had to be drawn and built. RAM chips had to be put together, a field to test the robot had to be laid out and engineering students had to learn a new language — a thing called C language.

"The code they wrote was over a thousand lines of code," Steen said.

And those codes were used to make the robot, which ended up

the size of a child's shoe, think on its own, Steen said.

Those codes, and other designs of the robot, were tested against 23 other schools, such as the University of Kentucky and Georgia Tech, on an 8-foot-by-8-foot playing surface with electronic land mines April 4.

"Everybody did a great job," said Nathan Weaver, a Louisville junior and engineering student who helped build the group's practice playing field here.

Weaver said the programming and competition went better than anyone expected. At the end of the day the group placed seventh out of the group of 24, beating both Kentucky and Georgia Tech on its first outing.

And Steen showed great pride in the commitment of such people as Weaver and seniors Tim Hendricks and Duke Martin.

"The students that are dedicated, that's what it's all about."

◆ Movie review

Washington shines in 'He Got Game'

BY RYAN CRAIG

As a former Little League umpire, often I ran across something that will make the strongest of men tremble — the irate parent. These are the kind of people that live vicariously through their kids, hoping their child will become the superstar that the parent never could be. In four years of umping, I never threw a kid out of a game but I threw parents out on a weekly basis.

And you feel sorry for the kids because the parents push them so hard that they hate playing sports because it isn't fun anymore.

That's more than the case in Spike Lee's new movie "He Got Game."

Denzel Washington stars as Jake Shuttlesworth, a former Coney Island playground legend who wasn't quite good enough and pushed his son Jesus (Ray Allen of the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks) past the breaking point until he despised basketball along with his father.

Jake would spend night after night making his 10-year-old son the best player ever. But in a drunken stupor, Jake beats Jesus one night because Jesus wants to quit basketball. When the mother tries to stop the beating, Jake shoves her, she hits her head on

the kitchen sink and dies.

Fast-forward 7 1/2 years, Jesus is the most sought after high-school senior in the nation and everybody wants a piece of him. From crooked sports agents to his own girlfriend, everyone has an

opinion about "the biggest decision of Jesus' life," — and everyone wants something from him. Everyone also includes the governor of New York, who will give "Jake, who still has 15 years left on his murder sentence, a pardon if he can get Jesus to sign a national letter of intent to play at the fictional Big State."

Grade A-

This Spike Lee basketball flick will appeal to almost any audience with its look at how life hardly ever turns out the way it's supposed to. Rated R for offensive material and language.

Not since Malcolm X, which

Jake is given a "work release" for the final seven days of the sentencing period to convince Jesus or he goes back to finish the remainder of his sentence.

Not since Malcolm X, which

also starred Washington, has Lee done such a great job of telling a tragic story. Lee retraces Jake's past throughout the seven days and reveals a very flawed and pained man who loves his family and has nightmares every night about the death of his wife.

But ultimately the movie isn't about if Jesus signs to go to Big State or not. Jake could care less. The movie is about how a father is more than the man who lives in the house and watches over the kids. When the movie looks into the past you actually see that the Shuttlesworth family was a happy family.

Because of Jake's sick obsession with his son "making it," he lost everything. So when Jake comes back to the old neighborhood halfheartedly trying to convince Jesus of where to sign, he actually shows Jesus what life is about — decisions and the regrets that sometimes come later.

This movie also has a few other interesting sub-plots that tie everything together, making this Lee's best film ever.

Because of some offensive material and strong language this movie is not for everyone. But if that kind of stuff doesn't bother you, go see it; it teaches a strong lesson about life.

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Women's rugby mud wrestles to raise money

BY JOHN DARR

The Horticulture Club sold plants to raise funds; most high schools have a car wash or bake sale.

The women's rugby club baked cakes and washed cars but felt that just didn't raise enough money.

Its sure-fire plan? Using top soil not to sell plants, but to plant themselves and grow a little money.

Late last Thursday night at the rugby house for \$3 a person, the idea was to appeal to the men without losing dignity. Some people may think mud wrestling demeans women, but the team felt it was all in good fun. Carrie Groulx said.

"It's hard to raise money," said Groulx, a junior from Muscatine, Iowa, who coordinated the event. "We don't care about getting dirty, and we aren't naked or in bathing suits."

The extreme measures the team took to come up with an effective fund-raiser originates in the club's funding. The university and organizations give a little more, than \$200, while the costs of

maintaining the team can run more than last year's total of \$2,500 for uniforms, tournament costs and transportation.

"Fake sales don't work," said Nicholasville freshman Nicki Burton, who is also in charge of the club's public relations. "Besides, I love getting dirty and everyone chose to be in this, and those who didn't just helped out in other ways."

Clay sophomore Shana Wheeler said she can recognize why the team would choose to appeal to men.

"I don't know what sexual harassment is anymore," she said. "You know the guidelines in the office, but school and everywhere else is unclear. Everything on campus is sexual, and everyone likes it."

The members who decided that mud pies and hooting guys weren't for them collected money and one refereed.

Wheeler said she doesn't think mud wrestling is degrading to women but wouldn't support it either.

"I personally wouldn't attend," she said. "And I wouldn't participate either: I guess I am old fashioned, but I would kill my boyfriend if he attended."

"Everything on campus is sexual, and everyone likes it."

— Shana Wheeler
Clay sophomore

Perhaps some girlfriends did threaten their boyfriends as the attendance was not as high as hoped, falling short of the much-needed 300 people originally expected. Groulx blamed that on the weather.

Those who did come out didn't get to see any oiled-down bodies or much nudity at all. The rugby team wrestlers wore sports bras and shorts, which disappointed some of the men.

"I came here to have a good time and see some girls," said Bowling Green sophomore Jeremy Chapman. "Just like the rest of the guys here."

Chapman said he usually travels to Nashville to see women nude but doesn't think of it as objectification.

"If they want to do it then... do it," he said. "It's very natural. If the girls want to do it then, maybe they like all of us here to see them."

As soon as the matches began, people shouted, "Take it off!" and other lewd comments were chanted from the gallery of onlookers.

"You knew everyone was saying something when you did a cool move," Columbus sophomore Dustine Cepanec said. "I am used to (guys) yelling."

The whites of her teeth appeared to be the only clean part of Cepanec's mud-caked body. She had just wrestled five matches and was ready to get out of her now-brown frayed jeans shorts and clean up.

"Getting in the pit is stress relief, but I am going home and taking a shower," she said. "If I wasn't helping the team, I would do it anyway. But that dirt hurt."

The rugby team members didn't just wrestle one other. They offered anyone the chance to wrestle the whole team at once for \$5.

The first to take the challenge was an amateur wrestler from Radcliff who goes by the name "Mystique."

Dressed in an Austin 3-16 shirt, Jason Glickman was singled out by the crowd because of his shirt and size.

"My friends told me to come, but I didn't think they would put my ass in there," Glickman said. "It was fun having all these girls on me. It was definitely a first."

He was easily pinned, but the next challengers, Richard Davis, a junior from Springfield, Tenn., and Wes Rozzell, a senior from Knoxville, Tenn., gave the team more of a match.

Dressed in blue jeans, Davis wore more than his partner Rozzell, who sported only his boxers.

Working his way to pinning the fifth of the 10 rugby wrestlers, Rozzell got pinned, ending the women's chants of "get the boxers off" and the duo's chance of winning. Davis was pinned by four of the remaining girls.

"We were laughing the whole time," Groulx said. "Even if we weren't getting paid, I definitely would (wrestle again). It was fun."

Stress increases each passing day during finals weeks

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

Twitching, bloodshot eyes and fingers numb from typing are just a few of the symptoms many Western students have experienced in the past few days with finals-rapidly approaching. And these ailments are not likely to improve any time soon.

La Grange freshman Michael Brockman has been overwhelmed with school work and said that he finds the weeks leading up to finals are the most stressful.

"I am the most stressed out of a couple of weeks before finals," he said. "This is, when all of my pre-

sentations and projects are due."

Fortunately for Brockman, he has learned how to cope with the pressures of stress.

"I just get through it," he said. "I think about how I'll feel once I'm done with the project."

Bowling Green freshman Sarah Matthews has found that all of her professors have assigned an abundance of work in a short amount of time.

"All the professors assign papers and tests the week before finals," she said. "I had two tests and two papers due."

Mary Wilfert, Student Health Service coordinator, said stu-

dents will often experience a variety of physical symptoms such as tension headaches, irritability, and sleeplessness when under stress. She said stress will build up and be suppressed.

If it is not taken care of properly, it manifests itself through physical ailments.

Psychology Professor James Craig has found what he considers a successful way to deal with stress.

"I get out and exercise," he said. "I think exercising works."

Other students do not choose such healthy tactics for curbing stress, but believe their methods

work.

Michael Blair, a senior from Connorsville, Ind., said that when he is stressed out, he tends to drink lots of caffeine and smokes.

He also looks forward to happier, less hectic times.

"I look at it as once you finish your final, it's over," he said.

"Whether you did good or bad, it's over so you don't have to worry about it after that."

Fulton sophomore Ty Bushart is no stranger to stress.

As a student holding 21 hours this semester, he doesn't have much time to worry about finals.

Bushart said he used to occa-

sionally smoke when stressed, but now he just eats more.

He also writes the impending tasks down.

"An Abacus is a useful tool. I love it," he said. "I used to not ever write anything down, but now that I do, it's been very helpful."

Wilfert said students can actively take steps to help deal with stress and combat the physical side effects.

"Exercise by doing something physical each day, such as a brisk walk," she said. "Stretching relaxes you and helps you focus."

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Sports

Lineman to play in CFL

By SARAH RAMSEY

After playing five years on U.S. soil, defensive lineman Ron Kelly will return to his home country of Canada to take his football career to the next level.

Kelly has turned down teaching and coaching positions in the United States to follow his dream of playing professional football.

"The most important thing for him to do is to play while he still can," defensive coordinator Andy Hendl said. "He can always coach and teach later."



Ron Kelly

Kelly will be the 22nd Hilltopper to play for the Canadian Football League.

Beginning June 7, Kelly will attend a two-week camp and then preseason with the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

"The next step for me is the pros," Kelly said. "Now that I'm here, there will be higher expectations."

Hamilton, Ontario, is about 40 minutes from the place he grew up - Mississauga, Ontario.

Kelly said he hasn't given much thought about playing in front of his family and friends again, but he believes there will be some added pressure.

Western coach Jack Harbaugh said playing in front of family and friends will be a "nice little distraction" for Kelly.

"The game is more enjoyable for the athlete when they have family watching," Harbaugh said.

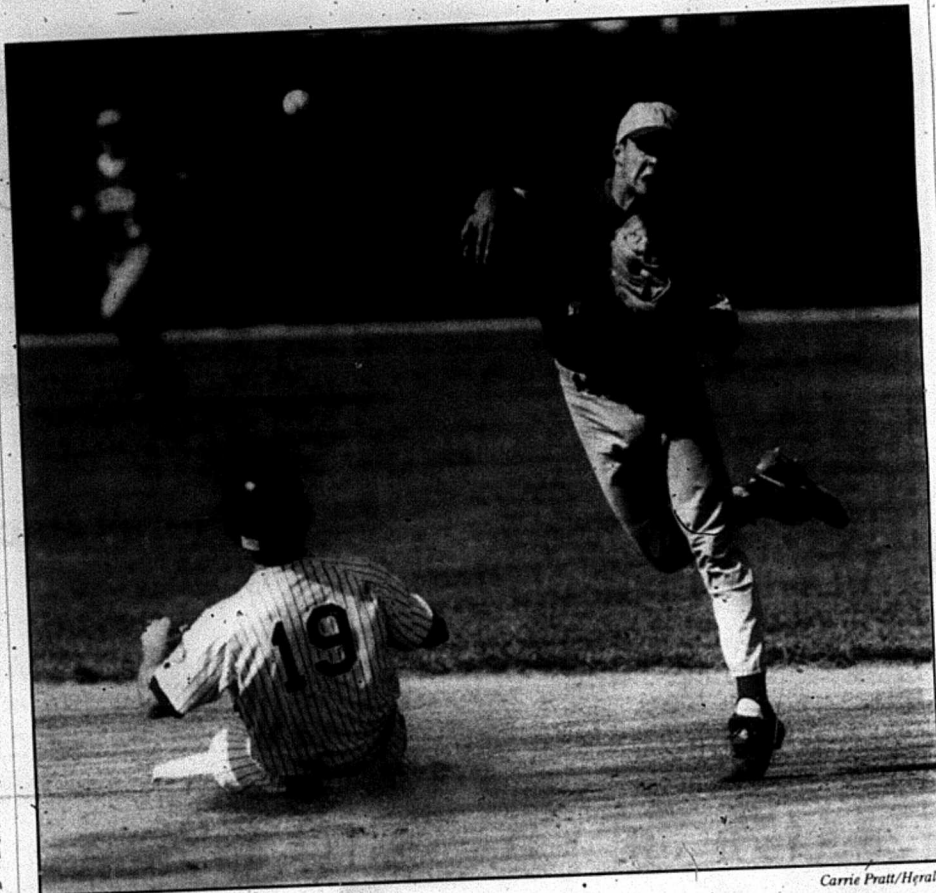
The last time his hometown saw Kelly play, he was a senior at Lorne Park High School averaging 15.5 tackles a game - eight of which were unassisted.

Now they will watch a player who served as the defense captain, signal caller and inspirational leader his senior year at Western.

Last season, he made 65 tackles, had 35 assists and had two forced fumbles for the Hilltoppers.

"By far, Kelly's best year was his senior year," Harbaugh said.

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Carrie Pratt/Herald

Western freshman shortstop Luis Rodriguez turns a double play while getting Eastern catcher Joe Smith out. The Toppers won the game 17-6.

Baseball wins season finale

By TRAVIS MAYO

Adversity was staring Western's baseball team in the face Tuesday.

The Hilltoppers had fallen short of their goal to make the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

A 17-6 win over cross-state rival Eastern Kentucky (22-27-1) finished Western's season at 27-24 and eased some of the disappointment of missing the tournament.

On Tuesday, adversity came tumbling down.

"Baseball is very humbling," Western coach Joel Murrie said. "To come back and do the things we did against Eastern is very satisfying."

What the Hilltoppers did was take claim to the state title by ending the year with a 3-1 record against in-state rivals.

And they did it early by putting the game out of reach in one inning.

Trailing 2-0, Western surged ahead of the Colonels with a seven-run second inning.

Junior first baseman T.J. Freeman opened the second with his eighth home run of the year. He finished 1998 with a .379 batting average and 49 runs batted in.

For the first time this season, the Toppers hit back-to-back homers. Junior third baseman Anthony Saporito did the honors after Freeman's long ball. It was the first of two runs Saporito drove in.

Junior second baseman Matt Idlett scored the final runs of the second with a three-run homer that brought sophomore center fielder Lorenzo Ferguson and

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Banquet rewards athletes' academic performance

◆ Western honors 126 scholar athletes at awards ceremony

By SARAH RAMSEY

People who believe the stereotype that athletes are dumb need to schedule a visit with Western's newest team.

Western's women's swimming and diving teams were recognized as GTE Academic All-Americans, the first such honor Western has ever received.

The team was presented with a plaque Monday at the Academic Athletic Awards Banquet.

Athletes' family members and supporters of the athletic department were on hand to help celebrate many academic accomplishments.

This year 126 Western athletes were honored for being scholar athletes. A scholar athlete must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average or better for the past two semesters.

Of the 126 athletes, there were 12 baseball, two men's basketball, three women's basketball, 22 football, 10 men's golf, five women's golf, 13 soccer, five men's swimming, seven women's swimming, three women's tennis, eight men's tennis, five men's track and cross country, 13 women's track and cross country, 10 volleyball and seven athletic trainers.

Of those, 14 maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Senior tennis player Tim Salenges and senior baseball player Erick Rosa were named the Co-Male Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Senior track and cross country runner Kim Olson was named the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Team Academic Excellence Awards went to the women's track and cross country team and the men's tennis team.

Four athletes were named Academic All-Americans - Olson, Rosa, junior football player Patrick Goodman and senior volleyball player Jamie Ritterskamp.

To be named an Academic All-America athlete, they must maintain a 3.2 GPA or better and be either a starter or important player.

Rosa is the first baseball player given this honor since 1973.

Western football coach Jack Harbaugh served as master of ceremonies and was named Coach of the Year.

The banquet was included as part of the inauguration activities for President Gary Ransdell. Ransdell was listed in the program as the speaker of the hour.

He reminded the athletes they are consistently being watched. "Your commitment is contagious to other students not only in your respected sport, but in the classroom, at Downing University Center and at parties," Ransdell said.

Commitment was not the only thing that was contagious at the banquet. Laughter filled the room from the moment the banquet

began. Harbaugh kicked off the humor by telling about a dream he had the night before.

"It's not a good sign when your day is started by having a dream about going to hell," Harbaugh said.

But Harbaugh wasn't worried; the banquet went smoothly. Goodman brought out the final laughter of the crowd during the announcement of the Academic All-America athletes.

The junior offensive lineman was recognized third; then came Ritterskamp. After Athletics Director Lewis Mills announced all the records that Ritterskamp had broken, Goodman turned to her and started bowing.

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Athlete of the Year

Outrunning the blitz

◆ **Wille Taggart**
picked up the Male
Athlete of the Year
Award after leading
the football team to a
10-2 record

By Scott Sisco

It's fitting this year's Male Athlete of the Year, Willie Taggart, wears No. 1 on his jersey.

He was the key to every opponent's defensive strategy, the leader on a team of leaders, the star on a team of stars.

Taggart led the Hilltopper football team to a 10-2 record this past season, while leading the team in rushing, touchdowns and total offense.

Taggart said this honor means a lot to him because he was chosen out of all of the male athletes on campus as the best, not only for the way he plays football, but also for his off-the-field actions.

"He leads in the locker room, he leads in the cafeteria, and he leads in the dormitory," Coach Jack Harbaugh said.

Taggart will return next season under a two-year-old NCAA rule that allows players who were Proposition 48 their first year of college to regain that lost year of eligibility if they graduate in four years. Taggart is taking nine hours this summer to reach that goal.

Before this NCAA rule, all Proposition 48 players could only play three years. Prop 48 means a player didn't qualify academically to play his first year.

Harbaugh said it is important



Carrie Pratt/Herald

Senior quarterback Willie Taggart, Western's 1998 Male Athlete of the Year, led the Hilltopper football team to a 10-2 record and a first-round win in the FFA playoffs last season. He led the team in rushing with 1,146 yards and touchdowns with 27.

to have Taggart back for a run at postseason next season. Good teams usually have good returning players.

Taggart led the team in rushing with 104.8 yards a game, total offense with 200.2 yards a game and touchdowns with 27. He completed 68 of 131 passes for 1,146 yards to lead the team in passing yards.

Taggart's longest pass last year

was a 70-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Joey Stockton against Eastern Washington. His longest run was 65 yards against Southern Illinois.

Harbaugh has been directly responsible for the quarterbacks the past three years, which has given him a chance to get to know Taggart on and off the football field.

"It's been a real treat,"

Harbaugh said. "He's all you look for in a student athlete."

Taggart's roommate, senior cornerback Bryan Daniel, said he and Taggart haven't had any problems since they began living together in 1994. Daniel said Taggart's only downfall is that he plays video games while Daniel wants to watch videos.

As for football, Daniel said Taggart is amazing on the field.

"He does things you wouldn't think people could do," Daniel said.

Taggart said his crowning achievement so far at Western is helping the team improve every year. He said it was hard to come from a high school where he won a lot of games and finish with a 2-8 record his first year in college. But since Taggart has been the starting quarterback, Western has improved each year. The Hilltoppers were 7-4 in 1996 and 10-2 last season.

There are some individual records Taggart hasn't broken yet. He is close to the career rushing record set by Antwan Floyd in 1996. Taggart needs 1,092 yards next season to break Floyd's record.

"If I have another year like last year, I can come close to that," Taggart said. "I broke so many last year, it's hard to keep up."

Taggart has opportunities to play at the next level after next season. Several Canadian teams that thought he was coming out this year expressed interest in him. Taggart said he is going to take advantage of those opportunities.

"I still have a lot more football in me," Taggart said.

But before Taggart says goodbye to the Hill, he has one more thing to do for Harbaugh.

"The least I could do is win a national championship for Coach Harbaugh," he said. "I don't have any other goals, just to win a national championship at Western. I think that would be a great way to leave Western."

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Athlete of the Year

Killing the competition

◆ **Jamie Ritterskamp set six Western volleyball records on her way to being named Female Athlete of the Year**
By Travis Mayo

There's the laugh, the laid-back personality and the modest approach when talking about herself.

Then there's the killer on the volleyball court. The net adds aggressiveness to the description.

That's Jamie Ritterskamp all wrapped into one, and now the senior middle hitter can add another layer of icing in the form of her career at Western.

She's now the modest Female Athlete of the Year.

"I was flattered to be nominated," Ritterskamp said. "Winning it totally surprised me."

Ritterskamp said she couldn't think of a better way to end her career at Western. Winning the award wasn't something Ritterskamp expected to do when she first stepped onto the Hill to play volleyball.

Ritterskamp became a starter on the team her freshman year and took a step toward stardom one year later. What resulted was her appearance in every school-career record list but two, setting six school records.

Ritterskamp's 1,741 kills and



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Senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterskamp was named Female Athlete of the Year for her record-setting college career.

3.5 kills per game are school records. She set a Diddle Arena record with 28 kills in her final home match against Tennessee State. Her 494 games played and 157 aces are also school records.

Her record-book feats feature everything — but modesty.

And then there's the representing Western part that women's volleyball coach

Travis Hudson said Ritterskamp has done well ever since the beginning.

The team's 1997 Most Valuable Player and two-time GTE Academic All-American said she takes pride in her school.

"I try to carry myself in a way that will well represent everything that's associated with Western," Ritterskamp

said. "That's important to me. I want to bring good things to this school."

That also means helping her team win. From modesty comes a competitive fire for winning, all foreshadowed by hard work and dedication to the game.

When asked why she thought she was named Female Athlete of the Year, Ritterskamp gave credit to giving everything she

had every time she stepped onto the floor.

Hard work is just what Hudson said earns Ritterskamp awards, but he said she doesn't play volleyball to receive recognition. She does things because she knows that's the way they should be done, something that has earned Hudson's respect.

He said he wasn't surprised when Ritterskamp added a new title to her name. Hudson said she deserves it. He also thinks there is a meaning behind the recognition. It's all about discipline.

"There's a lot of athletes who excel just on the court, there's a lot of athletes who excel more just in the classroom, but Jamie really pays attention to the details in every aspect of her life," Hudson said. "That's what it takes. She has a lot of self-discipline to make sure that when she does things, she does them right."

Now Ritterskamp has been rewarded for doing things right.

But the modest record holder won't remember the accolades or the awards the most when looking back at her college career down the road. Instead, she'll remember the people she's met — her friends and teammates.

Ritterskamp said cannot be taken for granted.

"I've gotten so close to them."

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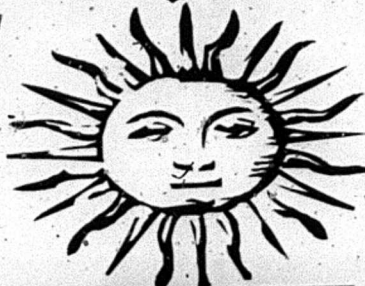
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I o b l e s I feared my head in rainy mornings and the quiet peace of nature settled shaken nerves. I did not see a gobbler this year but that isn't nearly as important as the times I shared with the wild.

I hunted quite a bit, not nearly enough, and enjoyed every minute of my time, especially the time shared with special friends. The people who invited me and the people I took along provided a special part of the hunt.

To Scott Cronin, thanks for the help with the turkeys and the knowledge of the sport.

To Jim Fahling, thanks for the hunt; it was the most exciting of the

year, the closest I came to a bird. To my Dad, thanks for the knowledge of the hunt and the woods. And thanks for giving me a hard time for change when you harvested that big gobbler.

To all of you, thanks for spending time in the woods. Thanks for being ethical sportsmen and thanks for your loyalty.

It dawned on me more each year that I do not need the beard and the spurs of the turkey, the antlers of the buck or the pictures of the ducks, and geese to prove a hunt successful. The time I spend outside coupled with the chance to observe game in their own homes - and even a slighter chance of taking them, home - keeps me going back year after year.

Take the time to reflect on your season. If you harvested a turkey, erase that thought for a moment. Instead think of the one that got away.

These are the mornings and times that keep us sane, that draw us to the woods and keep us there in thought and body.

This is why we hunt.



GRASS ROOTS
Jed Conklin

ABL: Forward drafted No. 1

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McCulley was that of none other than Dunn. The coach left Purdue two years ago to coach in the ABL. She was named the league's Coach of the Year this past season.

"There are going to be no hard feelings, no grudges," McCulley said. "We probably both learned a lot from that experience. I'm thanking the Portland staff for believing in me."

"Coach Dunn knows what I'm capable of doing. Obviously, I've shown that. And she has proven herself in the league. She has shown great coaching skill."

"It's all about growth, this story, about how two people can meet on the same path, curve off it and travel fully dissimilar roads, and then meet on a different but better path."

"This is a great situation for both of us," Dunn said. "She was one of the finest players we ever recruited at Purdue. I talked to her and her mother,

and we all felt good about her coming here."

Dunn said Portland picked McCulley because of her versatility.

"When I talked to the people at places like Tennessee and Louisiana Tech, the person they feared it the most was Danielle McCulley," she said. "She can play on the block, hit from the corner... she can just hurt you in so many areas."

That's the kind of praise McCulley has been waiting 11 years to hear. Three years ago, when two professional women's basketball leagues were formed in the United States, McCulley began her dream. She always figured that the pros would recognize her talent, that at this stage, politics would not get in the way of her success.

She doesn't have to dream anymore.

"I'm glad at how things turned out," McCulley said. "I haven't always had the easy route. But I stuck with it. I never gave up on

CFL: Kelly to play in Canada

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"His leadership was just as valuable as his productivity."

Since the season ended in December, he has stayed physically fit by maintaining a weight lifting and running program.

Looking forward to his CFL

career, Kelly said he is not really concerned about having to play against former Western teammate Joey Stockton, who will be playing for the Edmonton Eskimos.

"If he comes up the middle, I'm gonna hit him just like he was a stranger," Kelly said.

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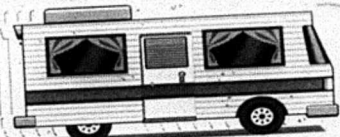
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Track ends season

BY SARAH RAMSEY

Western's track and field team has spent the past season struggling with competing against horrible weather rather than other athletes.

"A lot had to come from self motivation because of the bad weather," senior Selina Blick said.

Motivation is something the team has lots of. Last weekend, six members traveled to the Indiana National Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. The remaining members rested for this weekend's Sun Belt Conference Championship in Lafayette, La.

In Indiana, assistant coach Charles Hopkins finished first in the 100-meter dash in 10.78.

Sophomore Erik Jenkins won the 200-meter dash in 22.66 and the long jump with a leap of 6.91 meters. He was fourth in the 400-

meter dash in 49.30.

Blick finished first in the javelin with a distance of 43.14 meters.

Sophomore Aaron Mullins finished fifth in the 1500-meter run in 3:57.94.

Junior Shawn Evans finished third in the shot put with a distance of 16.24 meters and fifth in the discus throw with 49.38 meters.

With the Sun Belt championship left, Western coach Curtis Long said he has been impressed with individual performances.

Western also has two individuals - Blick and junior Andrew Rolle - who will be defending their Sun Belt titles.

Blick is the defending champion in the javelin throw. She won the event her freshman and junior years.

Rolle is the defending champion in the high jump.



Carrie Pratt/Herald

Freshman outfielder Jason Sattler congratulates junior third baseman Anthony Saporito after he hit a home run in the second inning during Western's game against Eastern.

Tops land two recruits

BY HERALD STAFF REPORT

Western coach Dennis Felton has made quick work of the two scholarships left by the departure of junior guard Monty Latimer and junior center Maurice Strong.

The Toppers have signed two high school standouts from the Northeast. Last Thursday, the Tops signed 6-foot-3 guard Bennie Stewart of Glen Mills High School in Concordville, Pa., and yesterday Western landed 6-4 guard Freeman Rowles from Gwynn Lake College Preparatory School in Baltimore, Md.

As a senior Stewart led Glen Mills to a 26-6 mark. He is the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,106 points. He averaged 21 points per game and was a second-

team Pennsylvania all-stater as well as a McDonald's All-American nominee.

Rowles averaged 30 points, 8.5 rebounds and 6.5 assists per game last season, shooting 45 percent from the field including 40 percent from the three-point line.

The Lakers finished 16-11 as Rowles was a honorable mention all-state.

Rowles played high school basketball at Parkdale High in Maryland. He was a senior in 1997, he led his team to a 19-9 record and the state championship game. At Parkdale he averaged 23 points per game.

Bowling Green High School star Casey Simpson, 6-8 and forward Ben Mauck from Savannah, Tenn., signed with the Tops last fall.

WINS: Western beats rival

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freshman Luis Rodriguez home. Idlett went 2-for-4 with four RBIs to add to his season numbers. He finished hitting 328 with 45 RBIs.

"We didn't know we were going to blow them out like that," Saporito said. "They got some quick runs on the board and I guess we took a little offense to that. A couple of things happened and then the floodgates just opened. Then it got real bad."

Western followed the second inning explosion with four

more runs in the fourth. A single by junior right fielder Chris Yeo drove in two runs.

Yeo had eight RBIs as a result of his 3-for-6 performance. He also watched his 10th home run of the season soar over the wall in the ninth inning. Yeo hit 362, the second-best batting average on the team, and had a team-high 53 RBIs.

Western added more padding to its lead by scoring three runs in both the fifth and ninth innings. Eastern's four runs during the last three innings weren't enough, as senior pitcher Brian Smith (3-

3) picked up the last win of his college career.

Winning for Smith and fellow senior catcher Andres Prida was what many players had in mind going into Tuesday's game. Saporito wanted to send the seniors on their way with one more win.

So did Murrie, but he doesn't think the win will have any long-lasting effect on the team. He also doesn't want his players to look back to 1998. "You don't gain ground by looking back," Murrie said. "You gain ground by moving forward and using mistakes to get better and go on."



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